I say irrespective of any further consideration, whether the final orders of the Government have been passed or if the Government have on any score whatsoever to settle with the Municipality, the Government, I submit, ought to sanction the opening of hydrants on the public roads and the Public Works Department be asked to carry out the work. The Committee's report may not be final, it may not be satisfactory to the Municipality or to the Government. These considerations are entirely beside the point. These requests, I understand, are not being made now by the Municipality, because the Municipality knows by experience that there is no use of sending these reports. Now, in the face of the statement made by the Government Member, the Municipality will, I suppose, continue to send more and more requests to the Government. My only request is that these requests of the Municipality may at once be sanctioned. And even assuming that there are controversies still pending adjustment, the question of opening more public hydrants should not be delayed even for a minute. The controversies may be settled. I am firmly of the conviction, in view of the statement made by the Government Member, that the Government is entirely at agreement with me in my statement of this proposition, namely, the Government will not place any obstacle whatsoever in the attempts of the Municipality to open more and more hydrants. Seeing that we have got it, I do not think there is any necessity to press this resolution. But I may add another word. We have not at all to take the arguments that have been raised in the discussion on the other aspects of the matter, although certain statements were made as side issues. There are various things to be said on the question of dual control or on the question of individual control or on the question of metering and all that. We have distinctly to remember that nothing has been said on these matters, except as side reference which I do not propose to answer.

The resolution was with leave withdrawn.

19. Water beds in Kole Fields.

As the mover was absent the following resolution was considered withdrawn.

Mr. Ouseph P. Kundukulam:—"*This Council recommends to the Government to create water beds in Kole fields covering 100 acres for every 1,000 acres of cultivating Kole lands*"

20. Improvement of Agriculture.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—"This Council recommends to the Government to take immediate steps for the improvement of agriculture (after collecting fuller tatistics of the present condition of the agriculturists) by way of—

(1) intensive propaganda aided by magic lantern and cinema shows and free demonstration on the ryots' land;

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